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Conf. No.: 1826	) May 26, 2004 Registration No. 37,538						
Filed: February 17, 2004	) F-CLASS.WCM Appr. February 20, 1998 Attorney for Applicant						
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Art Unit: 3738	)						
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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

#### Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As		Previously		Present		_		A	Additional
	Amended		Paid For		Extra		Rate			Fee
Total Claims	55		55	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$_	0.00
Independent Claims	8	<b></b> .	8	=	0	x	\$86.00	=	\$_	0.00
Fee for Multiple Depende	ent Claims						\$290.00	=	\$_	0.00
Total Additional Fee						\$_	0.00			
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(X) Preliminary Amendment.										

- (X) Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_.
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. ȧ1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R.§§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to consideration of the above-referenced Application, please amend the Application as follows: